

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for courtesies extended during the Examiner Interview held on December 22, 2005, and for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present patent application. Claims 1, 6, 14, and 22 are independent. The remaining claims depend, either directly or indirectly, on claims 1, 6, 14, and 22.

Claim Amendments

Independent claims 1, 6, 14, and 22 have been amended to include the following clarifications as discussed during the Examiner Interview: (i) the content requested by user device come from both rendering and non-rendering providers; (ii) the first channel is a rendering provider; and (iii) the second channel is a non-rendering provider. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments, as support for these amendments may be found, for example, in paragraphs [0030] and [0032].

Dependent claims 7 and 8 have been amended to be consistent with the amendments made to independent claim 6. Dependent claims 15 and 16 have been amended to be consistent with the amendments made to independent claim 14. Dependent claims 23 and 24 have been amended to be consistent with the amendments made to independent claim 22. Dependent claims 3, 4, and 5 have been amended to correct typographical errors – namely, to add a period at the end of each claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Leamon et al., U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0107891 (hereinafter “Leamon”). Independent claims 1, 6, 14, and 22 have been amended to include further limitations – specifically, the plurality of channels from which the content are retrieved include both rendering and non-rendering providers. To the extent that this rejection applies to the amended claims, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Turning to the rejection of the claims, “[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.” Further, “[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim” (see MPEP §2131). The Applicant respectfully asserts that Leamon does not teach or suggest all the claimed limitations.

Specifically, Leamon describes a system and method for re-formatting information for display on a particular type of device. However, Leamon does not address retrieving such information from multiple channels that come from both rendering and non-rendering providers. Further, Leamon does not teach aggregating information retrieved from multiple channels, which are a mix of both rendering and non-rendering channels, before re-formatting such information for the specific display device.

Leamon focuses on re-formatting data for display on a particular device (see, Leamon [0007]). When a device makes a request for some information, the type of that device is identified and the information requested is retrieved. Then, the information is re-formatted into a specific language determined based on the type of the device such that the information can

be displayed on that device. Thus, the re-formatting procedure focuses on transforming the requested content from one type of markup language to another type of markup language (see, Leamon [0007] & [0008]).

The instant invention distinguishes Leamon in two aspects. First, the instant invention addresses the issue of retrieving information from both rendering and non-rendering providers (see, Instant Application [0030] & [0032]). Information retrieved from non-rendering providers is eventually rendered using a rendering engine (see, Instant Application [0027]). This flexibility of combining information from both rendering and non-rendering providers is not taught by Leamon.

Second, the instant invention addresses the issue of aggregating information retrieved from multiple channels. Specifically, the content from multiple channels is aggregated using an aggregator (see, Instant Application [0011]). Further, because the content comes from both rendering and non-rendering providers, the aggregator is capable of combining both rendered and non-rendered content together before sending the combined content to a rendering engine to be rendered (see, Instant Application Figure 4). Although Leamon teaches re-formatting requested content, Leamon focuses on re-formatting the content into a specific language supported by the device (see, Leamon [0025]). However, Leamon does not describe combining content from multiple rendering and non-rendering sources.

Independent claims 1, 6, 14, and 22 have been amended to reflect these differences between the instant invention and Leamon, namely that Leamon does not describe retrieving information from multiple channels that are from both rendering and non-rendering providers. Therefore, amended independent claims 1, 6, 14, and 22 are patentable over Leamon.

Dependent claims are patentable over Leamon for at least the same reasons. In view of the above, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

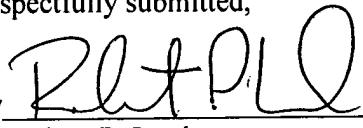
Conclusion

The Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 03226/448001; SUN030086).

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